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1.(Currently amended) A method for processing an information sequence with an iterative decoder, comprising:

dividing the information sequence into a current window and at least one additional window;

selecting the current window of the information sequence; and computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window based on metric values from another window in a previous iteration, wherein the another window is from the at least one additional window; and

initializing a training recursion for the current window based on the metric values.

- 2.(Cancelled).
- 3.(Previously amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: processing the metric values.
- 4.(Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising: storing the processed metric values.
- 5.(Cancelled)
- 6.(Previously amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the processing step comprises:

assigning the metric values.

7.(Currently amended) The method of claim 1[2], further comprising: determining an index of the metric values[; and

initializing the training recursion of the current window based on the index of the metric values].

- 8.(Cancelled)
- 9.(Cancelled)
- 10. (Cancelled).
- 11. (Cancelled).
- 12. (Cancelled).
- 13. (Cancelled).
- 14. (Cancelled).
- 15. (Cancelled).
- 16. (Cancelled).
- 17. (Cancelled).
- 18. (Cancelled).
- 19.(Currently amended) An iterative decoding system, comprising: means for dividing an information sequence into a current window and at least one additional window;

means for selecting the current window of the information sequence; and means for computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window based on metric values from another window in a provious iteration wherein the another window is from the at least one additional window

means for computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window in a current iteration based on metric values of another window that were recursively computed in a previous iteration.

- 20.(Cancelled)
- 21.(Currently amended) The system of claim 19, further comprising: means for processing the metric values to produce processed metric values [at least one metric value].

22.(Currently Amended) The system of claim 21, further comprising: means for storing the processed metric values [at least one metric value] processed metric values.

23.(Cancelled)

24.(Currently amended) The system of claim 21, further comprising: means for assigning the <u>metric values</u>. [at least one metric value].

25.(Cancelled).

26.(Cancelled)

27.(Cancelled)

- 28. (Currently amended) A turbo decoding system comprising:
- at least one interleaver;
- at least one de-interleaver;
- at least one decoder, wherein the at least one decoder comprises;

 means for dividing an information sequence into a current window and at least one additional window;

means for selecting the current window of the information sequence; and

means for computing at least one metric value for a current recursion of the current window in a current iteration based on metric values of another window that were recursively computed in a previous iteration.

means-for-computing at least one-metric-value for a current recursion-of-the-current window based-on-metric values from another-window in a previous iteration, wherein the another window is from the at least one additional window.